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FEBRUARY 18, 1973

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

REF: HAK TO 95

1. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSING PARAGRAPH NBR 2 OF HAK TO 95 WITH HALDEMAN, HE INFORMED ME THAT IT IS THE PRESIDENT'S PRESENT INTENTION TO HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT WHICH HE WILL HANDLE QUESTIONS ON A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SITUATION WITH NORTH VIETNAM, ETC. HALDEMAN SAID THAT YOU SHOULD PLAN ON A BACKGROUNDER WITH THE PRESS ON FRIDAY TO FOLLOW UP ON THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE. THIS SHOULD NOT BE PLANNED TO BE ON TV BECAUSE OF YOUR AGREEMENT TO GO ON THE BARBARA WALTERS' SHOW AS YOUR FIRST TV APPEARANCE. HALDEMAN REQUESTS THAT WORK BEGIN ON A BRIEFING BOOK FOR THE PRESIDENT THAT HE COULD HAVE BY TUESDAY NIGHT IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR HIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. IN LINE WITH INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH NBR 3 OF HAK TO 95, DO YOU WISH ME TO TAKE ANY ACTION IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED PRESS CONFERENCE?

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WARM REGARDS.

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